

WANTED VEHICULAR HIT AND RUN HOMICIDE SUSPECT

Carlsbad PD Case No: 98-7053
Date of Incident: October 2, 1998
Victim: Robert Verdin, 42 years old
Suspect: Unknown

On 10-02-98, at 0853 hours emergency units were dispatched to the area of Palomar Airport Road and Hidden Valley Road for a male subject lying in the bushes. Upon arrival of units, it was determined the subject was a victim of a fatal vehicle vs. pedestrian collision, felony hit and run.

This accident is believed to have occurred between 0600 hours and 0800 hours. Physical evidence at the scene indicates that the victim, Robert Verdin, was running eastbound in the designated bike lane with the flow of traffic on Palomar Airport Road. It appeared the suspect vehicle was also traveling eastbound on Palomar Airport Road and for unknown reasons drove into the bike lane, hitting Verdin and throwing him into the bushes where he was found. After the impact, the vehicle continued eastbound hitting the south cement curb of Palomar Airport Road. Evidence of tire scuffmarks on the curb shows the right side tires hit the curb and went up onto the dirt shoulder. The vehicle continued eastbound straddling the curb for approximately 80' before returning to the roadway. Based on evidence at the scene, the vehicle is believed to be a 1989 Ford Taurus.

Any information on the case should be directed to Carlsbad Police Department's Traffic Division at (760) 931-2106.